

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating transfer of an interest in at least one an intellectual property asset via global computer network, the method comprising:

formulating a proposed transfer, by a computer system, of an interest in at least one an intellectual property asset based on input submitted by a network user;

presenting, by the computer system, one or more terms of said interest for the proposed transfer;

permitting the network user, by the computer system, to select one or more of the terms of said interest;

limiting, by the computer system, said network users as bidders via an access profile;

defining, by the computer system, the proposed transfer based at least part on the terms selected by ~~the user~~ the bidders; ~~[[and]]~~

pooling, by the computer system, a plurality of bids by a plurality of the bidders for the transfer of said intellectual property asset; and

posting, by the computer system, the proposed transfer on a network resource residing on the a global computer network.

6-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating transfer of interests in at least one intellectual property asset [[assets]] via a global computer network, the method comprising:

auctioning, by the computer system, an interest in [[an]] at least one intellectual property asset via a network resource residing on the a global computer network, wherein auctioning an interest includes listing, as part of an auction process, an asset identifier corresponding to the asset and terms of transfer of the interest in the intellectual property asset;

limiting access, by the computer system, to the asset identifier and the terms of transfer as a function of an access profile associated with each network user;

grouping, by the computer system, a plurality said intellectual property assets for auction based on a relationship between said assets;

permitting, by the computer system, the network user to select one or more terms of said interest;

gathering bids from network users, by the computer system; and

automatically adjusting the terms of transfer, by the computer system, in the event no sufficient bids are gathered within a predetermined period of time.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for facilitating transfer of an interest in an intellectual property asset via the global computer network of claim 5, wherein limiting bidders via an access profile includes accessing, by the computer system, a database of access profiles, wherein each network user has an associated access profile.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for auctioning an interest in [[an]] at least one intellectual property asset via a global computer network, the method comprising:

offering, by the computer system, the interest in the at least one intellectual property asset via a network resource residing on the a global computer network, wherein the interest in the at least one intellectual property asset is defined by a proposed transfer agreement and a profile of users granted access to the proposed transfer agreement;

pooling, by the computer system, a plurality of bids by a plurality of the bidders for the transfer of said intellectual property asset; and

permitting, by the computer system, the network user to select one or more terms of said interest;

collecting, by the computer system, bids from network users meeting the profile of users granted access to the proposed transfer agreement; and

accepting, by the computer system, one of said bids.

13. (Previously Presented) The method for auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a global computer network of claim 12, wherein the proposed transfer agreement is a proposed licensing agreement.

14. (Previously Presented) The method for auctioning an interest in an intellectual property asset via a global computer network of claim 12, wherein the intellectual property asset is a patent.

15. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein grouping comprises packaging the at least one intellectual property asset.

16. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein grouping comprises pooling the at least one intellectual property asset.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein pooling comprises communicating, via a web-server, a pooling request to pool the at least one intellectual property asset to at least one prospective pooling seller.

18. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising presenting, via the web-server, proposed transfer terms to the at least one prospective pooling seller based on interest of the at least one prospective pooling seller in the pooling request.

19. (New) The method of claim 18 further comprising performing, via the web-server, modifications on the proposed transfer terms by the at least one prospective pooling seller.

20. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one intellectual property asset may be related based on technology area.

21. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one intellectual property asset may be related based on at least one of a product line and a business field.

22. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein grouping comprises packaging the at least one intellectual property asset.

23. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein grouping comprises pooling the at least one intellectual property asset.

24. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one intellectual property asset may be related based on at least one of technology area, a product line, and a business field.

25. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein grouping comprises packaging the at least one intellectual property asset.

26. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein grouping comprises pooling the at least one intellectual property asset.

27. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the at least one intellectual property asset may be related based on at least one of technology area, a product line, and a business field.

28. (New) A system for facilitating transfer of interest in intellectual property assets via global computer network, the method comprising:

an asset control center for storage of information regarding at a plurality of intellectual property assets;

a web server for communicating a pooling request to pool a set of related said intellectual property assets to at least one prospective pooling seller,

wherein said web server presents proposed transfer terms to the at least one prospective pooling seller based on interest of the at least one prospective pooling seller in the pooling request,

said web server pools the set of related intellectual property assets in response to the at least one prospective pooling seller accepting the pooling request, and

said web server pools a plurality of bids by a plurality of the bidders for the transfer of said intellectual property asset.

29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein said web server modifies the proposed transfer terms at the request of at least one prospective pooling seller.

30. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein said web server relates a plurality of said intellectual property assets based on at least one of a technology area, a product line, and a business field.